

issue of a vacant Constitutional position within the Executive Branch.

The Presidential Succession Act established the line of succession to the office of President of the United States in the event that neither a President nor Vice President is able to discharge the powers and duties of the office.

The Presidential Succession Act places the Speaker of the House first and the President pro tempore second in the line of constitutional succession for our Chief Executive after the Vice President of the United States.

By creating this clear line of Constitutional succession for the Office of the President, Congress provided a mechanism to maintain continuity of executive branch operation through horrific national tragedies, like the one occurring on November 22, 1963 in Dallas, Texas, when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated, elevating at that moment Vice President Lyndon Johnson to the Office of the Presidency.

Another moment in our nation's history that exemplifies the wisdom of the Presidential Succession Act is the attempted assassination on March 30, 1981, of our 40th President, Ronald Reagan.

The aftermath of this attempted assassination of a sitting U.S. President was eased by the well-known defined transition of duties set forth in the Presidential Succession Act.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to commemorate the "Presidential Succession Act" of 1947 as an example of Congressional foresight in protecting the continuity of the Office of the Presidency during a national crisis.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA AND THE SOUTH CAROLINA EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION NETWORK

##### HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2015*

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my congratulations to the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) and South Carolina Educational Television (SCETV) for garnering a coveted bronze prize at the annual "Telly Awards" for their partnership documentary, "Zip Code." The Telly Awards honor the finest in film, video production, and web commercials for outstanding local, regional and cable television commercials and programs.

I applaud MUSC and SCETV on their efforts to present a program to South Carolina viewers offering viewpoints of doctors and community leaders that seek to change the way people think about health care. More specifically, this program focuses on a variety of health topics, from the food we eat to the water we drink to the air we breathe—all of which affect our daily lives and play a huge role in our health. According to statistics from the Centers for Disease Control, in South Carolina alone there are approximately one million people who lack access to healthy food. That's 20 percent of the state's population.

Through MUSC's Public Information and Community Outreach group, the "Zip Code" production paired two outstanding organizations who presented an in-depth look at the

many causes of health disparities in our nation today. As stated in the program, "Health starts where we live, learn, work and play. In fact, some experts say the lifespan of a child is determined more by his or her zip code than their genetic code." "Zip Code" seeks to answer, "Why is there such a divide in the health of the American people?"

I would also like to personally thank my good friend David Rivers, the Director of the Public Information and Community Outreach department at MUSC, for his leadership in this project. His commitment and creativity have led to instructive and productive innovations.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and my colleagues join me in congratulating these two outstanding organizations on their efforts to bring attention to the important topic of the state of health in South Carolina.

#### HONORING UNITED STATES NAVY CAPTAIN ANDREW K.M. ROSA

##### HON. ROBERT J. DOLD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2015*

Mr. DOLD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the career and contributions of United States Navy Captain Andrew Rosa. I know I am not alone in my appreciation of Captain Rosa's service and dedication.

Throughout his career, Captain Rosa served in a variety of positions both here in the United States and overseas. As Mission Commander of Task Group 53.8—a Fifth Fleet antiterrorism-force protection task group—he was mobilized and deployed to the Persian Gulf in support of Operations Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom. His bravery and contributions to our nation's fight against terrorism are truly admirable.

Captain Rosa leaves a lasting legacy through his leadership and unwavering commitment to the protection of this country's ideals both at home and abroad. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to express my gratitude to Captain Andrew Rosa for his thirty-four years of exemplary service.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF DR. WILLIAM L. DEAN

##### HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2015*

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I ask for the House's attention today to recognize Dr. William L. Dean who will become Pastor Emeritus at First Baptist Church of Sylacauga in Sylacauga, Alabama.

Dr. Dean served as the senior pastor at First Baptist Church of Sylacauga from October 1972 until December 1994—pastoring this church longer than any other minister.

The event honoring Dr. Dean will take place at the First Baptist Church on Sunday, August 23, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Dr. Dean and thanking him for his unwavering service and devotion to First Baptist Church Sylacauga.

#### TRIBUTE TO JOHN AND SUE VAN FOSSON

##### HON. DAVID YOUNG

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2015*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor John and Sue Van Fosson of Clarinda, Iowa, on the very special occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. John and Sue were married on June 24, 1955 in College Springs, Iowa.

John and Sue's lifelong commitment to each other, their children, Teresa, Julie, Robin, Bruce, and Betsy, as well as their grandchildren and great-grandchildren truly embodies our Iowa values. I applaud this devoted couple on their 60th year together and I wish them many more. I know my colleagues in the House will join me in congratulating them on this momentous occasion. I wish them and their family all the best moving forward.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF FLORIDA'S BELOVED, SENATOR DURELL "DOC" PEADEN, JR.

##### HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2015*

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and legacy of Northwest Florida's beloved Senator Durell "Doc" Peaden, Jr. Doc was a great friend and committed public servant who had an enormous impact on the lives of both his constituents in Northwest Florida and the state as a whole. His passing is mourned throughout the great State of Florida.

A proud Northwest Floridian, Doc was born August 24, 1945, in DeFuniak Springs. After obtaining his undergraduate degree from Tulane University, Doc went on to medical school, gaining his MD in 1973. He immediately returned to his home in Northwest Florida, and, as he often liked to say, he was a "country doctor" for decades, working tirelessly to care for the patients in and around his home in Okaloosa County. While practicing medicine, Doc also obtained his law degree.

In 1994, Doc Peaden began his distinguished career as an elected official when he won a seat in the Florida House of Representatives serving the people of the 5th District. Using his immense experience as a doctor, Doc quickly established himself as a leader in the state on health care issues, and during his time in the House, he helped lead efforts to expand medical education in the state by establishing a medical school at Florida State University. Having had the opportunity to serve with Doc in the Florida House, I know firsthand how hard he worked to ensure that the medical needs of our state were met.

After serving in the Florida House of Representatives, Doc continued his tremendous service to Northwest Florida in the Florida State Senate, where he served from 2000–2010. His tenure included a position as Chairman of the Health and Human Services Appropriations Committee, and he successfully championed many important health care related bills through the Florida Legislature, including legislation requiring greater reporting from physicians.

As a physician and a legislator, Doc was deeply committed to advancing the important issue of medical education to the forefront, and both during and after his time in the Legislature, he championed the construction of new medical schools around the state. He deeply understood how vital it is to ensure that rural Floridians have their medical needs met in their own community, and after leaving the Senate, he was instrumental in bringing a new dental school to DeFuniak Springs.

To some, Doc Peaden will be remembered as a caring physician, always going above and beyond the call to serve the needs of his patients; to others, he will be remembered as an exceptional elected official and champion of health care; to his friends and family, he will forever be remembered as a loving husband and father. His immense contributions to our community and our state will never be forgotten.

On behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize the life of Senator Durell "Doc" Peaden, Jr. My wife Vicki and I extend our heartfelt prayers and condolences to his wife, Nancy; his children Durell III (Trey), Tyler, and Taylen; and the entire Peaden family.

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HONORING MR. JOHN MOERLINS

**HON. LEE M. ZELDIN**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2015*

Mr. ZELDIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. John Moerlins. It takes a special type of person to lead a life of serving his or her community; Mr. Moerlins was that type of person.

Mr. Moerlins selflessly served our great country during his early years in the United States Army and continued to serve his local community of Sound Beach, New York, through his work in federal and local agencies, and many local organizations. After serving in the Army, Mr. Moerlins came home to Long Island where he worked eighteen years as a letter carrier for the Glendale Post Office of the

United States Postal Service and was a long-time member of the National Association of Letter Carriers. He later became Treasurer of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

Mr. Moerlins continued his life of service on a more local level as a valued resident of the Sound Beach Community on Long Island. He was a long-time member of the Sound Beach Civic Association, the Mt. Sinai Senior Citizens Club, and the Board of the Sound Beach Property Owners. He served as an usher in the St. Louis de Montfort R.C. Church, served on the Miller Place Board of Education, and was also extremely instrumental in the completion of many local projects. As a Veteran of the United States Armed Forces, it is fitting that Mr. Moerlins helped to secure funding to create the Sound Beach Veterans Memorial. Additionally, Mr. Moerlins was actively involved in the design of the children's park and the installation of the bus shelter in front of the post office in Sound Beach.

Mr. Moerlins passed away on December 15, 2011. In addition to serving his community, Mr. Moerlins was also a loving husband, father, and grandfather who is dearly missed by his family and friends. It is my hope that many will follow in the footsteps of Mr. Moerlins and give back to their country and community as graciously as he did. People like Mr. Moerlins help make our world a much better place.

Today, I thank John for his years of dedication and service to our country and community.

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COMMEMORATING THE LIFE OF  
CARL D. "CHUBBY" PROFFITT, JR.

**HON. ROBERT HURT**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, July 7, 2015*

Mr. HURT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I submit these remarks to commemorate the life of Carl D. "Chubby" Proffitt, Jr. of Charlottesville, Virginia, who passed away June 30, 2015 at age 96.

Mr. Proffitt began serving in the U.S. Army National Guard during the Great Depression to support his family. He was called to duty during Pearl Harbor and as a member of the Army's 29th Infantry Division, led his platoon on D-Day. Mr. Proffitt successfully guided thirty men in his landing craft safely on the beach through rounds of machine gun and artillery fire.

For his valor and service, he received three Purple Hearts, a Distinguished Service Cross, a Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, and numerous other awards. In 2013, I was honored to see Mr. Proffitt receive the French Legion of Honor for his service during World War II and participate in a ceremony honoring Mr. Proffitt in Charlottesville at the American Legion. He fondly remembered those he served with who did not return home and credited God for his safe return.

Mr. Proffitt was a tremendous family man—a husband of 64 years to wife Ollie, a father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. As a witness to such pivotal moments in our nation's history, he was honored to speak with student groups and those researching World War II. He was selected to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at the 2008 Naturalization Ceremony at Monticello which then-President George W. Bush attended. He was actively engaged with local recreational endeavors, particularly sports, leading the Charlottesville City Council to honor him in 2010 by dedicating fields at the McIntire Softball Complex in his name. Mr. Proffitt was remembered by Phil Grimm, the commander of American Legion Post 74, of which Proffitt was a lifetime member, as a humble, spirited leader: "He was so down-to-earth that you never realized you were in the presence of someone who had accomplished so much."

We remain forever grateful for Mr. Proffitt's bravery and sacrifices—may he rest in peace. On the day Carl D. "Chubby" Proffitt, Jr. is laid to rest, I ask that the members of this House of Representatives join me, the Proffitt family, and the community of Charlottesville, Virginia in honoring the memory of a great American hero.